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For. **HARNESS PROTECTOR AND STRUCTURE FOR SUPPLYING ELECTRIC POWER USING THE PROTECTOR**

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Sir:

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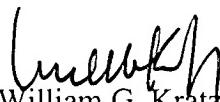
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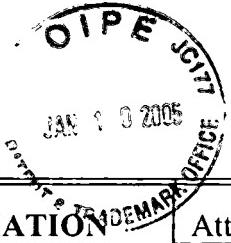

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